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SUBJECT: BOUCHER, MOSBACHER AND KARZAI TALK ENERGY,
INVESTMENT, PAKISTAN AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY
Classified By: A/DCM Sara Rosenberry for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

SUMMARY

¶1. (S/NF) On January 10, Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs Richard Boucher and Overseas Private Investment Corporation F Overseas Private Investment Corporation Projects in Afghanistan

¶2. (SBU) President Karzai began by noting that electricity was becoming increasingly important for Afghanistan. Electric power from Afghanistan
¶3. (SBU) In response to a question from Karzai about projects being considered, Mosbacher explained that industrial consumers were paying too
¶4. (SBU) Mosbacher explained that other Investment Corporation projects included a 209-room, four-star Marriott Hotel. The project was on trac
¶5. (SBU) Mosbacher briefed that his organization was also going to be providing small and medium-sized business credits for agricultural and n KABUL 00000185 002 OF 005
projects could start in 6-9 months.
Cross-Border Jirgas

¶6. (C) President Karzai said that Afghanistan had done everything it could on the jirgas, e.g., providing lists and documents to Pakistan. Pri
¶7. (C) Karzai described Aziz as a "good man," someone he could talk to openly and frankly. Aziz had the intellectual capacity to talk through Border Mining and Fencing

¶8. (C) The Assistant Secretary relayed press reports that Pakistan may be reconsidering its proposal for selective mining and fencing of the k
¶9. (C) Karzai noted that some in the Pakistani media were calling for jihad against the United States. He expected more bloodshed in 2007. Ass
¶10. (C) Boucher told Karzai that the United States believed that Pakistan was now doing more on terrorism. He pointed to an increase in arrest KABUL 00000185 003 OF 005
Bugti

¶11. (S/NF) Assistant Secretary Boucher asked Karzai if he knew where Bugti was. Karzai responded that a lot of Bugtis come to Afghanistan. In
¶12. (S/NF) In his meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Aziz, Karzai had said that the Bugtis were not terrorists and represented nobility in
¶13. (S/NF) Boucher asked Karzai if he could assure Pakistan that the Bugtis were not supporting armed struggle and that India was not involved New U.S. Funding

¶14. (C) Assistant Secretary Boucher briefed Karzai in broad terms on new funding for Afghanistan that we expect to come from a supplemental bu
¶15. (C) Boucher explained that several key elements should move forward to support the new money, namely the Presidential Appointments Commis KABUL 00000185 004 OF 005
it doing?" He said that when displaced people from Kandahar have been returned and when the youth in the South have jobs, then he will be able
¶17. (C) Boucher said that the supplemental budget would allow for an expanded target for police expansion and stepped up training. He shared t Strategic Dialogue

¶18. (C) Assistant Secretary Boucher apologized that scheduling programs had prevented the travel of Under Secretary Burns for the Strategic Di SIPDIS expected arrival of Deputy Secretary Negroponte, Burns' schedule should become more flexible, he said. Boucher underlined that Burns was United Kingdom, Helmand and Poppy

¶19. (C) Karzai asked if the United States was "fine with the UK in Helmand? Are they up to something?" Boucher responded that the British were
¶16. Boucher said that everyone needed to accept ground spraying of poppy in Helmand. Karzai stated that the United Kingdom would not accept it Spring Offensive

¶17. Karzai believes that 2007 will be a better year but called for better preparations to deal with the spring offensive. We need to show the KABUL 00000185 005 OF 005
before they can come at us. He commented that all of us were better prepared this year.
¶18. Karzai asked Boucher to convey to Prime Minister Aziz how grateful he was for his recent visit to Afghanistan. He also noted that he enjoy
¶19. SCA Senior Advisor Caitlin Hayden cleared this cable.

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